



### How to go about dealing withoutay life here in NCR?

- Weather
- ID
  - Virginia ID
  - Driver's License
- Utilities:
  - Phone
  - Internet
  - Banking Services
- Best places to Shop:
  - Grocery shops.
  - Outlet & Malls
- Transportation
- Get Medical Care
- Housing
- Activities



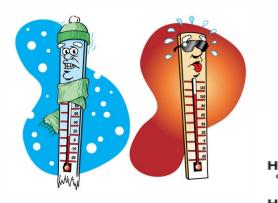
## Academic Experience

- Friendly Community
- Knowledgeable and welconnected professors
- Courses (What if not offered)
- Research oriented
- More Job opportunities
- Helpful and approachable staff



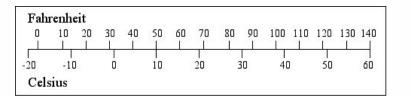


### Weather



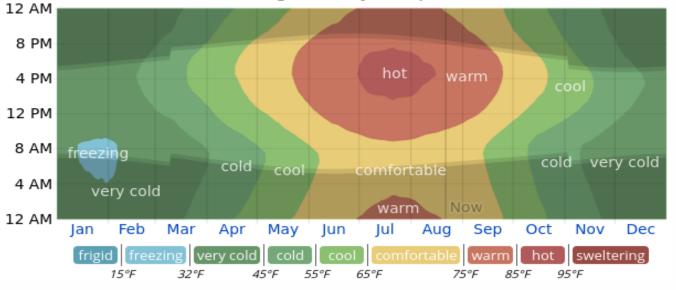


OCreators Syndicate.



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °C	9	10	15	19	24	29	31	30	27	20	15	9
High °F	48	50	59	66	75	84	88	86	81	68	59	48
C C	-2	-1	3	8	14	19	22	21	17	10	6	0
Low °F	28	30	37	46	57	66	72	70	63	50	43	32

#### Average Hourly Temperature



## Obtain Virginia ID card

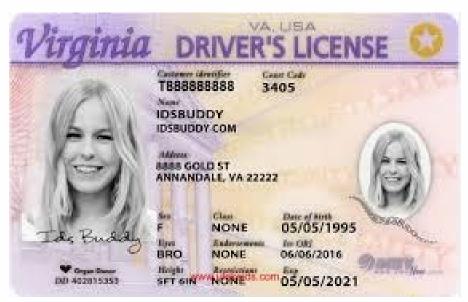
- Benefits:
- 1. Use it instead of your passport.
- 2. No need to take any exams.
- 3. Use it for Domestic Travel.
- To get one, go to any DMV in Virginia (Department of Motor Vehicles).
- prepare the needed documents.
- To know what is needed, visit this website (<a href="https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#id/adult\_id.asp">https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#id/adult\_id.asp</a>)











### How to get a Driver's License

Step 1: Prepare all the required documents

(<u>https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#applying.asp</u>)

Step 2: Pass a twpart sign and knowledge test and a vision test to get a learner's Permit

Step 3: Schedule for a Road Test

(Valid license plates / A registration card / An official safety inspection sticker)

If fail the two-part knowledge exam or road testhree
times, need to complete the classroom portion of a
Virginia approved Driver Training School programand
present the Driver Education Certificate at a customer
service center

### Phone

 Phone ( Prepaid or Postpaid): As a student, preferably you want to start with the prepaid. You can choose Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, etc.

 Plans vary from one company to another. Make a comparison depending on your needs.

- Family plan

















#### **Popular Phone Companies**

Carrier	2GB or less	3-5GB	6-9GB	10-25GB	Unlimited
AT&T	\$35/\$30* (1GB)		\$50/\$40* (8GB)		\$65/\$50*
T-mobile				\$40(10GB)	\$55
Verizon	\$30(1GB)		\$40(6GB)	\$50(GB)	\$70

#### How to make a comparison?

Carrier	Plan	Coverage	Cost
COMPANY	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>

### Internet

- It depends on your area. You may have Xfinity, Verizon, Cox, etc. Prices depend on the Internet speed and Bundle.
- Upload/Download Speed
- Bundle (Internet + TV (# channels) + phone landline)
- Equipment rentals
- Contract / No Contract

#### **Popular ISP Companies**











#### How to make a comparison?

ISP	Speed	Bundle	Cost
COMPANY	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>

### **Banking Services**

 Preferably, you should have a phone number before you open a bank account.

- Prepare the needed documents.

There are many banks around here. Do NOT forget to mention that you are a STUDENT. Sometimes, students are treated differently in some banks.

- Bank of America, Chase, Wells Fargo, PNC, Capital One, TD Bank, etc.



### **Bank of America**.









# Grocery Shopping

Walmart



Giant



Target



Whole Foods



Harris Teeter



Aldi



Trader Joe's



Costco



Ethnic food: H-Mart, Great Wall, Halalco, etc.

## Shopping

#### **Outlets**

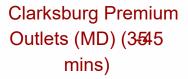
An outlet store, factory outlet or factory shop is a brick and mortar or online store in which manufacturers sell their stock directly to the public

Potomac Mill\$VA) (35
- 45 mins)



Leesburg Corner
Premium Outlets (VA)
(35- 45 mins)

Tanger Outlets National Harbor (MD) (25 40 mins)









#### Malls

A shopping mall is a modern term for a form of shopping precinct or shopping center in which one or more buildings form a complex of shops with interconnecting walkways, usually indoors.

Tysons Corner
Center



Fashion Center at Pentagon City



### Transportation

- Access to three states (DMV area)
- Airports(Domestic and International)
- Public Transportation
  - Metro
  - MetroBus
  - Bikeshare
- Uber/Lyft
- Zipcar
- Car
  - Do not park at Giant's space
  - purchase a VT parking pass
- Campus Commute



## metrobus





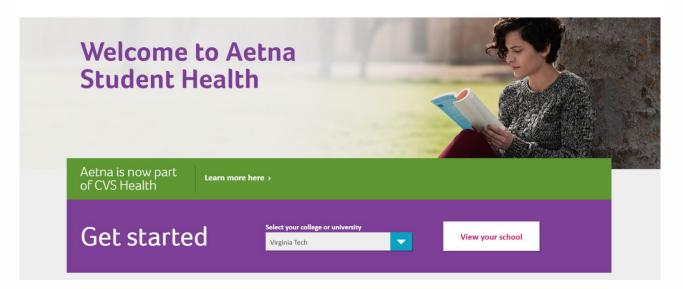


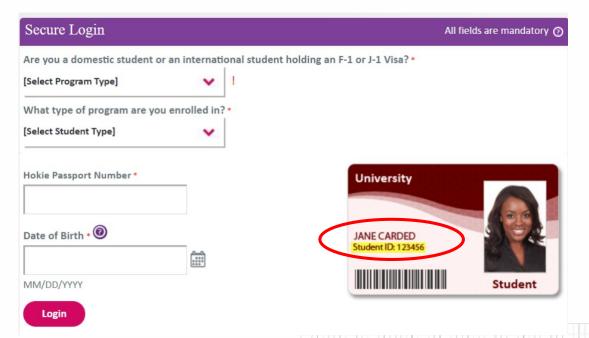












- International students are
   required to purchase insurance
   for themselves and any
   accompanying dependents for
   the duration of their stay and
   U.S. students are encouraged to.
- Purchase health insurance (http://graduateschool.vt.edu/student life/student-services/healthservices.html)
- The university offers a student health plan, or you can select any other that meets the minimum requirements.

(https://risk.controller.vt.edu/studentmedic alinsurance.htm)

# Housing



#### **SCHEDULE A VISIT**

-Make an appointment to inspect the place.

-Plan ahead before renting.

### **ASK MANY QUESTIONS**

Deposits - Utility bills - Amenities - Contract - Rules - Parking.

### **FIND A PLACE**

- -Ask friends and classmates.
- -Check W ebsites e.g. Zillow.
- -Near public Transportation.



#### **RESEARCH**

- -Ask current residents if possible.
- -Make your search online and read reviews.
- -K now about the neighborhood

### Social Activities









### **Trips - Seasonal events -**

### Clubs

#### **Activities::**

- -Hiking
- -Ping Pongs
- -Basketball
- -Soccer
- -Cricket

#### **Graduate School:**

-Check newsletter every Friday

#### **Annual Event:**

- -Pumpkin Carving Party
- -Lunar New Year Celebration
- -Thanksgiving Potluck/Celebration

# Sport Activities





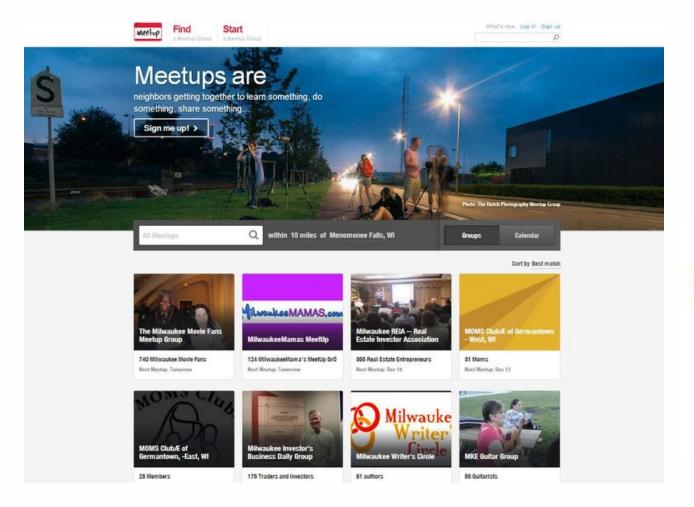








# Practice your hobbies







# Thank you!

